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Man blinded by shooting to speak out

MEDIA The innocent victim of a shooting last week is set to speak to the media today with his girlfriend and family by his side.

Jose Ribamar Ribeiro Neto is left blind after he was shot in the city's downtown last week during a dispute in which he was not involved.

Neto, who came to Calgary to learn English, was with his girlfriend at the time of the shooting.

The Brazilian community Association will also be on hand and have also set up a trust fund in the victim's name. Donations can be made at all HSBC locations under the account # 029 - 547423-080.

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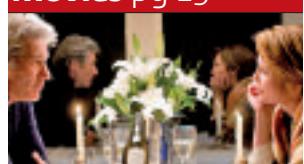
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Harper's campaign stop Trading messages



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Protesters hold up a "Stop the tarsands" poster as Conservative Leader Stephen Harper makes a campaign stop in Edmonton last night. The demonstrators held onto the banner for about two minutes before a handful of security escorted them out of the room.

City MP under fire

FFWD quote prompts calls for Richardson's resignation

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Lee Richardson refused to answer media calls after Calgary Centre NDP and Liberal candidates demanded his resignation for comments they believe alluded to a connection between rising crime rates and immigration.

The brouhaha surrounding the 60-year-old Conservative incumbent stems from a Fast Forward weekly magazine telephone interview Sept. 18, where he said people from other cultures don't have the same respect for authority as born-Canadians.

Calgary Centre NDP candidate Tyler Kinch, who drew attention to the comments early Thursday morning, said Calgarians, and Canadians at large, expect more out of a politician.

"It's untrue, it's unproductive, it's hurtful to many people and an MP elected to office shouldn't be saying such hurtful things."

Liberal candidate Heesung Kim, who emigrated from South Korea in 1965 and lost to Richardson in the last federal election by about 20,000 votes, said she found Richardson's statements absolutely shocking.

"I've heard some pretty

racist things at the door, but for an elected MP to say these things like they're the views of anything but a very small, rare minority of Calgarians is nothing short of gross misrepresentation," she said.

An online retraction on FFWD suggested Richardson realized how his comments could be misconstrued.

In a prepared statement sent out late yesterday, Richardson said, "I stand by my retraction. Those who have known me through my long time in public service know that I have always supported immigration, have worked closely with

Controversy

The controversy surrounds MP Lee Richardson's comments in FFWD magazine, where he said: "Particularly in big cities, we've got people that have grown up in a different culture and they don't have the same background in terms of the stable communities we had 20, 30 years ago in our cities and don't have the same respect for authority or people's person or property."

our cultural communities, and have regarded diversity as one of our greatest strengths."

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One night only

The Wrecking Ball, an evening of political theatre and performance is in town for one night only on Monday Oct. 6 in anticipation of the election. It is a pay-what-you-can performance at the EPCOR Centre. METRO CALGARY

Ward 3 breaks ground on services facility

\$30 MILLION Today the city, along with the Calgary Police, Calgary Fire Department and Calgary EMS will break ground on a new, \$30 million Tri-Services Facility.

Ald. Jim Stevenson
The facility will service Saddle Ridge, Martindale, Taradale, Castleridge and Falconridge.

"This is a big thing for the northeast to have all the protective and emergency service centered in one place," said Ward 3 Ald. Jim Stevenson. "We've had a temporary fire hall and temporary EMS for years, but we need the full services."

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Olympic Spirit Train here Saturday

CELEBRATION The CP Olympic Spirit Train will be rolling into Calgary on Saturday, featuring Olympians and paralympians working Olympic spirit into a frenzy.

Along with Olympic-themed activities and stage shows with Aboriginal talent, there will be a set by Colin James.

The event steams into Calgary this Saturday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pop Davies park on Ogden Road and Millican Road SE.

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Exhibit challenges perception

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"Through the looking glass" and beyond is a whole new world of perception. The Glenbow museum is inviting Calgarians to experience that world in a new exhibit.

Opening today, Through the Looking Glass is a unique new contemporary exhibit that will visit the world of dreams and altered realities, curator Quyen Hoang said.

"I think this will encourage people to look at their surroundings and experience their worlds in a different way by changing their perceptions," she added. "It's a whole different way to experience perception."

Jeff Spalding, president and CEO of the museum, said the exhibit features in-

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

ternational and national artists coming together to create an Alice in Wonderland-type feel.

"These artists skilfully explore the precarious balance between reality and illusion and playfully invert

our understanding of the world," Spalding said.

The exhibit will run from today until Nov. 16.



Diana Gallivan, of the Calgary Health Trust at PLC and volunteer Siera Sobota pose with the photo of the first baby born at the hospital.

care unit ever since.

"Oh, a lot has changed since then, and it sure has

grown and expanded a lot. It keeps getting bigger but it still keeps that community feeling from the old General," she said.

The hospital celebrated its anniversary yesterday at Sunridge Mall, a site chosen because of the mall's strong ties to the hospital and the community, said Diana Gallivan of Calgary Health Trust.

"This hospital has been a cornerstone of the community. It's where people started their lives, faced challenges such as cancer,

and, unfortunately, where some have ended their lives, too," Gallivan said.

"And thanks to Sunridge Mall we have been able to treat significantly more patients with much better equipment with the help they have given us over the years."

The mall is honouring the hospital again today at centre court between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.

There will be a silent auction of donated items to raise money for the Peter Lougheed.

Grits auction memorabilia on eBay

JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Canada

GOING, GOING, GONE Alberta's Liberal party is hoping to pay off its large campaign debt by auctioning off old memorabilia on eBay.

Among the items for sale is Laurence Decore's briefcase debt clock from the 1993 election, used to illustrate Alberta's growing debt.

There are also three photos of the party's 1998 leaders' debate when it was interrupted by a falling lamp. The photos are signed by Tories, including former premier Ralph Klein.

The last bid, as of yesterday afternoon, was \$500 for the clock. No bids have been placed for the photos, which start at \$300.

There are eight days left to buy the items. "Here's your chance to own a great Canadian political artifact," reads a statement on the site.

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What's online today.

Read celebrated author Margaret Atwood's response to cuts to arts funding at www.metronews.ca/election.

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Man stabbed in home invasion

CRIME Calgary police are looking for a man they believe was involved in a robbery and stabbing at a Scarborough home earlier this week.

On Monday, a man entered the home and took cash and stabbed Tuccaro one of the residents with a machete.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Randy John Tuccaro, 28, of Calgary. Tuccaro is described as Aboriginal, 5-foot-9, 187 lbs., bald, with tattoos on his arms.

Anyone with information is asked to call 403-266-1234.



Tuccaro

Masterworks artists raising hope for Calgary homeless

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Most Calgarians know there are homeless in the city, but what some may forget is the homeless population ages just like the rest of the city.

That is why the third annual Masterworks fundraiser is so important, says Dana Seiffert, executive assistant of the drop-in centre, since part of the proceeds go to the organization's senior facility — the Bridgeland Manor.

"This is so important for the seniors because without the manor these people would be in the centre. And that would mean less room for others," Seiffert said.

Seiffert says homeless people become classified as seniors at age 50 because their life expectancy is much shorter.

"It is proven that people do much better with stability and security when they



PHOTO BY KRISTA SYLVESTER FOR METRO CALGARY

Donna Donadeo learns to paint masterpieces on a daily basis at the Midlake Art Studio School, where they are producing material to be auctioned off to help the homeless.

can feel safe," she added.

The fundraiser was initiated by artist and owner of Midlake Art Studio, Tracy Gardner, who has her students donate their work to auction off

at the fundraiser.

"I believe it's important to help the people around you because if you don't, it doesn't make sense to help people across the world," Gardner said. "Unfortu-

nately there are a lot of homeless right here in Calgary."

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for the fundraiser can visit www.ticketweb.ca.

Call-in program hopes to root out crime

LEGISLATION Shutting down crack houses and brothels for up to 90 days should help shuffle some of the criminal element out of business.

That's the idea driving a provincial Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act urging landlords and residents to call in houses of illegal activity in an effort to drive out the criminal element from troubled areas, said Neil LeMay, superintendent of the solicitor general's sheriffs branch at a forum in Calgary yesterday.

"This isn't the magic bullet," he said, noting research stating a portion of displaced crime never returns to an area once pushed out. "By keeping them on the move, they become more vulnerable to police enforcement because they don't get themselves as clearly established in a neighbourhood."

Landlord Pam Romich-Felde, who owns two rental units in Calgary's southwest, welcomed the move, as gang and drug-related houses drive down property values.

NEIL MACKINNON/METRO CALGARY

News in brief

DEATH A 35-year-old woman who went missing after a canoe fishing trip two weeks ago has been found dead in a reservoir near Vulcan. Her body was found by firefighters who were searching the water by boat Sept. 23. Vulcan RCMP have notified her next of kin, but will not be releasing her identity.

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News in brief

VIOLENCE The University of Calgary announced the inaugural lecture of the Brenda Strafford Chair in the Prevention of Domestic Violence. Dr. Leslie Tutty will present the lecture, "Preventing Domestic Violence: What's a Chair To Do?" Tutty has been a professor of Social Work since 1989 and is an acknowledged expert in the field of domestic violence prevention.



Dr. Leslie Tutty

HACKERS The alleged ringleader of a \$1.8 million Internet theft was granted bail yesterday. Israeli national Ehud Tenenbaum was released on \$30,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in court again Oct. 29. Tenenbaum is accused of pilfering the money through a Calgary financial company via the Internet, obtaining pre-paid debit cards and cashing them in.

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Creative building blocks

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David Werklund was as curious as the next kid, but it was his envelope-pushing personality that drove him to great heights.

He knew early in life that his creative pursuits had to begin within and yesterday, he doled out \$2.5 million to the Telus World of Science to help other youth realize the same things on a path of leadership.

"When I came to realize



ROBIN KUNSKI/TOR METRO CALGARY
David Werklund helps Elyse Viver, 3, build lego toys at the Telus World of Science

that if I could think it, I could believe it and I could

have a process that would help me overcome those barriers, I realized that things actually happened and it changed my life for the better," he said.

His money will help create a judgment-free Werklund Foundation Learning and Leadership Centre, helping to boost self-esteem and open doors of learning opportunity for youth at the new Telus World of Science complex, slated to open in 2011.

"That's part of the self-awareness that helps set us free," he said. "When we

have a judgmental mindset, I really do believe that that holds us back in life."

Telus World of Science CEO Jennifer Martin said the money is going to directly to positive programming that appeals to children and young adolescents.

"We want to maintain a relevance," said Martin, adding that marrying Werklund Foundation principles with those of the science centre will reap massive benefits in both the short and long term.

letters

Politics and papers playing card games

So, you think Stephen Harper is playing the law and order card in his crime crackdown? Maybe Torstar News Service can

explain why they always play the "poverty card" or the "more funding for communities card" or the ever-popular race card. Maybe just the "we love criminals card."

DOUG GRAHAM

Offer green options

Re: "Bike share." After

reading about a Bike share program, I thought why put money into this when the city of Calgary can't seem to provide Bike racks on all the buses?

I believe that if Calgary Transit provided bicyclists with this option and could guarantee that a bike rack would always be on the buses, regardless of the

route, more cyclists would utilize it and ride to work.

Also when a bike breaks down, there is a way to still get it home.

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News in brief

CLIMATE Fishing crews, pilots and residents of Baffin Island are being asked to watch for rubber duckies — not bobbing in their bathtubs, but drifting in the Davis Strait, as part of a NASA study on climate change, CBC News Online reports.

SCIENCE A pinkish tract of bedrock on the shore of Hudson Bay in northern Quebec contains the oldest known rocks on Earth, formed 4.28 billion years ago, not long after the planet was formed, scientists said yesterday.

RECALL Canadians should not eat, distribute or sell White Rabbit brand candy, a popular Chinese confection that may be tainted with melamine, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency warned yesterday, CBC News Online reports.

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Concern
Parks Canada estimates that up to 20,000 grizzlies remain in Western Canada. The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife lists the grizzly as a "Special Concern." REUTERS

Canada



Anthemic Olympic slogans

Vancouver 2010 to welcome all comers 'with glowing hearts'

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada



A pair of phrases from O Canada will welcome the world to Vancouver in 2010, Olympic organizers announced yesterday.

VANOC has chosen With Glowing Hearts and Des Plus Brillants Exploits (from the English and French versions of Canada's national anthem) and has even applied to have the phrases trademarked.

"We weren't just looking for words," said VANOC CEO John Furlong. "We were looking for words that represented a certain spirit ... and there's no more revered words than these two sets in our entire country."

"We all love them, live them everyday and we thought it was a wonderful complement to our own spirit."

And while Vancouver has applied to trademark the phrases, it says it has no desire to own them.

"We want people to continue using it," said Dave Cobb, VANOC's executive



Olympic and Paralympic athletes, from left, Denny Morrison, Carol Huynh, Daniel Wesley and Duff Gibson, with VANOC CEO John Furlong, at the unveiling of the Olympic motto in Vancouver yesterday.

vice-president of revenue and marketing. "We just have to be careful that if it's used in an Olympic context, it's not used inappropriately."

Cobb gave the example of a website using the phrase With Glowing Hearts to sell unautho-

rized tickets or merchandise.

The slogan was one of hundreds brainstormed, said Ali Gardiner, VANOC's director of brand and creative services.

"When it bubbled up, everyone knew that it was the one," said Gardiner.

Quebecers

- During focus testing, Quebecers said they were happy the French motto, Des Plus Brillants Exploits, was not just a translation of the English motto.

Teen guilty in Toronto terror trial

"(The youth) clearly understood that the camps were training for a terrorist purpose."
Justice John Sroat

COURTS Canada's first convicted terrorist was a naive 17-year-old Muslim convert who was easily manipulated, as well as lacking education and street smarts, but in a landmark decision yesterday a judge ruled there was overwhelming evidence he belonged to a homegrown terrorist group.

The young man, accused of attending two terrorist training camps and stealing items for the so-called Toronto 18 group, displayed no emotion when the verdict was read in a Brampton court.

"(The youth) clearly understood the camps were training for a terrorist purpose," said Justice John Sroat as he read from part of his 94-page decision. "He also understood contributing materials to be used at the camp enhanced the ability of the group to conduct the training."

Prominent in the judge's decision was the testimony of paid police agent Mubin

Shaikh, who had come under attack during the trial from Crown prosecutors when they accused their own star witness of fabricating evidence to protect the youth.

The ringleader, arrested among 14 adults and four youths in the summer of 2006, was not a "hapless fanatic who posed no risk," said Sroat.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Judge strikes down word, woman walks

JUSTICE A Toronto woman was acquitted of a charge of concealing a dead baby after a judge struck down a single word in a section of the Criminal Code.

Ivana Levkovic, 26, a former Mississauga stripper, was scheduled to stand trial Monday in a Brampton, Ont., courtroom.

She was charged under a section that essentially states it's a criminal offence to give birth to a baby and then conceal its birth, regardless if it died "before, during or after" birth.

There was no forensic evidence indicating the child was ever stillborn or alive at birth.

Justice Casey Hill's decision to remove the word "before" from the offence isn't binding on the rest of Canada or even Ontario although judges faced with similar cases would examine his ruling carefully.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Choose your words carefully Asked about his party's stand on abortion yesterday, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion declared, "I am pro-life. I am for the right of women to choose." An aide quickly clarified that Dion meant to say he was "pro-choice." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Election 2008

Time to speak out

Elizabeth May says environmental groups being muzzled

Green party Leader Elizabeth May says Canada's leading environmental groups are being silenced during the federal election because some fear retribution from a new Stephen Harper government and others are stymied by federal rules.

During a meeting with the Toronto Star's editorial board yesterday, May said there has never been a more important time for public debate on the environment.

Not only are voters deeply interested in green issues, she said, but the next government will leave its imprint on the future of greenhouse gas emissions when world leaders converge in Copenhagen next year for their final meeting before the Kyoto Protocol runs out in 2012.

"That is why I went into politics, because every group in this country is being muzzled at the very time they need to get their voices raised the loudest," said May, who ran the Sierra Club of Canada until becoming Green party leader in 2006.

"What a crime it is that David Suzuki can't say a thing in an election campaign because the Suzuki Foundation will lose its charitable status. This is appalling."

AARON HARRIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Green party Leader Elizabeth May makes a point yesterday during a Toronto Star editorial board meeting. May said this is an important time for public debate on the environment.

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Elizabeth May

May said two issues are at play:

- Fear among many environmentalists that the Conservatives, if re-elected, will cut funding or deny meetings with political leaders to

groups that were openly critical during the campaign. May said the B.C. chapter of the outspoken Sierra Club felt a political sting late last month when a signed government contract

for a local climate-change action program was unexpectedly cut by the Environment Ministry.

- Groups registered as charities fear they will face audits that could lead to a loss of their status if they speak out because Canada Revenue Agency rules prohibit charities from partisan political action during an election. These rules apply to all charities, not just environmental groups.

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Issues

Tories put women at risk: Group

ABORTION The Conservative government is eroding women's reproductive health and right to abortion "by stealth," a group of advocates representing labour and women's rights charged yesterday morning.

"There is a clear anti-abortion hidden agenda at work that puts women's health at risk," said Carolyn Egan of the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada.

The groups did not limit their criticism to the Conservatives, but reserved especially harsh comments for the government after its announcement in August it would bring forward a bill this fall to allow harsher penalties for offenders who cause injury or death to a fetus during an assault on a pregnant woman. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Dion blasts PM on economy

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion has a message for the prime minister: It's the economy, Stephen.

Dion yesterday launched a vigorous attack against Harper's "incompetence" on the economy, charging the Conservative government has been blind to the financial turmoil in the U.S.

Dion jumped on the stark warning delivered by U.S. President George W. Bush Wednesday night as proof Wall Street's dramatic financial woes will spill over into Canada.

"Today, Mr. Harper is perhaps the only Canadian who seems to ignore what is happening in the United States, our largest trading partner," Dion said in a speech to the Quebec Chamber of Commerce.

"This is the height of irresponsibility. We cannot pretend that Canada will not be affected by what George Bush said (Wednesday) night. And he said that our entire economy is in danger."



Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion speaks to members of the Quebec Chamber of Commerce in Quebec City.

Harper has repeatedly sought to reassure Canadians the economy here remains fundamentally strong, a theme he continued yesterday.

"It's not the time to do anything new, wild or stupid," Harper said in Victoria. "I think this will continue to be a slow and a tense and a somewhat difficult period. I think we will be fine — not great — but we will be fine."

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News in brief

CONSUMERS In an appeal for support from consumers annoyed by high gas prices and computer spam, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday in Victoria if the Conservatives are re-elected he would move to curb Internet abuses, outlaw charges for unsolicited commercial text messages and send inspectors to check the accuracy of gas pumps.

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Watch a Tory faint behind Stephen Harper, and more at www.metronews.ca/canada

Special election report

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Election Tour Canada

Highlights of the week's election campaign from Metro newsrooms across the nation

CALGARY

Calgary Centre Conservative incumbent Lee Richardson took his moment in the spotlight of controversy after connecting immigration with a rising crime rate, spurring calls from competing candidates for his resignation. Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion made his first appearance of the campaign in Calgary at a town hall meeting Monday night, shooting down an offer from NDP Leader Jack Layton to form a coalition in order to guarantee the ousting of Conservatives from power.

VANCOUVER

It was another wacky week out West as a third NDP candidate dropped out of the race, while old blogs came back to haunt one of the Tories. Julian West, candidate for Saanich-Gulf Islands, quit after admitting to skinny-dipping in front of minors during an environmental conference 12 years ago. Two other NDP hopefuls had already dropped out because of past pro-marijuana endorsements. Conservative Ryan Warawa, who's still in the running in Vancouver-East, allegedly supports the legalization of pot and prostitution in

brothels, according to a series of 2004 blogs that resurfaced recently. A spokesperson for the party acknowledged the posts Tuesday and said Warawa now supports the party's platform. Warawa didn't speak for himself and neither did another Conservative candidate, Dona Cadman, who was shielded by the RCMP from answering reporters' questions Tuesday night. This led to accusations by the Liberals that the Mounties were used as a "political tool."

HALIFAX

The biggest election news in

Halifax this week was about a former candidate. Rosamond Luke, who was a hand-picked Conservative candidate for the NDP stronghold of Halifax for just two days, was accused of financial mismanagement by the women's organization she helped found. Board members say Luke, who made \$60,000 a year, wrote \$85,000 in unapproved cheques that she couldn't back up. Luke resigned as the candidate after a criminal conviction came to light.

MONTRÉAL

It was a pretty quiet week in

Montreal. But one topic was on everyone's lips — culture. Quebec artists don't appreciate the Conservative party's cuts to the arts. On Tuesday, a dozen singers, actors and other artists presented a free show in town to denounce the \$45 million in cuts, mostly in programs promoting culture abroad. A video on YouTube, La culture en péril, has been viewed almost 500,000 times and the Liberals, Bloc and NDP have attacked Stephen Harper on that topic all week long.

OTTAWA

On Monday, the Conservatives

chose the Ottawa-Vanier riding — a downtown district that has been struggling with youth-related crime — to announce they would toughen the Youth Criminal Justice Act and increase the budget of the Youth Gang Prevention Fund to \$10 million per year. NDP Leader Jack Layton continued his Quebec charm offensive in Gatineau last week, campaigning on the Quebec-side of the national capital for the third time since the election was called. Conservative candidate Brian McGarry, who has lost more than 100 signs to vandals or thieves since the election call, formally complained to police this week after witnesses claimed to have spotted two people remove a Tory sign and replace it with a Liberal sign. The Liberals denied the allegations, saying they were shocked by it. All parties have complained of vandalism and stolen signs in the riding.

TORONTO

The Conservatives took a PR hit early this week when their ex-candidate for Toronto Centre, Chris Reid, resigned after comments on his blog, calling for the legalization of concealed handguns, became public. Not the smartest move for someone who was courting the vote of constituents who haven't forgotten the fatal January shooting outside of local strip club Brass Rail. Some of Canada's most recognizable stars gathered in The Big Smoke Wednesday to tout homegrown arts and answer Harper's insinuation the nation's artists are elitist, free-loading whiners. The cast included actors Colm Feore, Gordon Pinsent and Wendy Crewson, who argued the arts provide 1.1 million jobs and \$86 billion to the gross domestic product. "Stephen, the arts is the economy, stupid," said Karl Pruner, president of ACTRA.



On Tuesday, October 14, vote.

A federal general election is taking place on October 14, 2008.

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Photographer wants Marilyn nudes back

Photographer Bert Stern has sued for the return of seven photographs he took of Marilyn Monroe in the nude during the legendary "last sitting" in a hotel room just weeks before her death. **REUTERS**

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World

U.S. bailout in 'limbo'

Democrats blame McCain for derailing Bush's proposal

A rescue for the U.S. financial system unravelled yesterday amid accusations Republican presidential candidate John McCain scuppered the deal.

U.S. lawmakers had appeared close to a final agreement on the bailout, but an emergency White House meeting between Congressional leaders with U.S. President George W. Bush "devolved into a contentious shouting match," according to a statement from the McCain campaign.

In advance of that meeting, which included the two men battling to succeed him, Democrat Barack Obama and McCain, a compromise bipartisan deal seemed imminent.

After the session, Congressional leaders said an agreement could take until the weekend or longer.

Mugabe wants lift of sanctions

ZIMBABWE President Robert Mugabe called yesterday for lifting what he called "illegal" sanctions on his country as he railed against the United States, Britain and their allies for imposing them.

Just days after reaching a power-sharing deal with his opposition rivals at home, Mugabe — in a speech at the United Nations — used his address for a blistering attack on his international foes, saying their sanctions had contributed to the "untold suffering" of his people.

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News in brief

TENSIONS U.S. and Pakistani ground forces exchanged fire across the Afghanistan-Pakistan border yesterday after two U.S. military helicopters were shot at from a Pakistani border post, U.S. officials said. No casualties or injuries were reported.

TALKS The UN Security Council has agreed to end months of silence and discuss Israeli settlement activities on land the Palestinians want for a future state, a UN spokeswoman said yesterday. The meeting is today.

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Republicans tout alternative

- The plan proposed by the Republicans calls for the government to offer insurance coverage for the roughly half of all mortgage-backed securities that it does not already insure.

Democratic Rep. Barney Frank said negotiations would continue today, but with no sign that House Republicans would take part.

Republican U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby bluntly told reporters: "I don't believe we have an agreement." He later said the deal was in "limbo."

A group of conservative Republican lawmakers proposed an alternative mortgage insurance plan, eschewing the Bush administration's Wall Street bailout just weeks before the Nov. 4 election as many lawmakers try to hold on to their seats.

age for the roughly half of all mortgage-backed securities that it does not already insure.

Democrats said McCain had scuppered the anticipated agreement by throwing his support behind that scheme.

"Sen. McCain has sided with the House Republicans who want to start with a completely different approach and reject what President Bush put forward," said Rep. Henry Waxman. "It's hard to imagine where we go from here."

However, a statement issued by the McCain campaign said: "At today's cabinet meeting, John McCain did not attack any proposal or endorse any plan."

The architects of the original plan, U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, rushed to Capitol Hill for late night meetings to urge House Republicans to get back on track.

"It is critical that this legislation get done quickly," White House spokesman Tony Fratto said. "We have serious concerns about the state of our credit markets."

U.S. Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd said a deal could take beyond today to reach and also took a swipe at McCain.

"What this looked like to me was a rescue plan for John McCain for two hours," Dodd told CNN. "To be distracted for two to three hours for political theatre doesn't help."

REUTERS

Sir Paul's debut Beatlemania finally arrives in Israel



Paul McCartney gave his first concert in Israel yesterday before tens of thousands of cheering fans in Tel Aviv, 43 years after the Beatles were barred from singing there because of fears they could corrupt youngsters.

Canadian denied bid to see ailing father in Gaza

ISRAEL A Canadian woman and her two teenage daughters are surviving on handouts and sleeping on the floor of Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque because Israeli authorities won't let them enter Gaza to visit the woman's ailing father.

"I want them to give us mercy," Saadiya Joha, 34, said last night. "My father is going to die."

Along with her two daughters — Fatima, 16, and Afaf, 13 — the Ottawa woman has spent the past 10 days hunkered down in the huge mosque in Jerusalem's Old City, waiting for permission to enter Gaza where her 79-year-old father is in failing health.

Joha has sought help from the Canadian Em-

bassy in Tel Aviv, but says officials declined to assist her.

"They said, 'Sorry, we are not going to let you go inside Gaza,'" said Joha. "I said, 'Why?'"

The simple answer is that Canada is far more worried about getting people out of Gaza than with helping people to get in.

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A vicar in Wales was jailed yesterday for three-and-a-half years for amassing a collection of more than 56,000 indecent images of children. Police found the pictures when they raided Reverend Richard Hart's vicarage after tracing his credit card details from websites he had visited. **REUTERS**

Change of power

Motlanthe vows to increase growth in S. Africa

SOUTH AFRICA Kgalema Motlanthe took office yesterday as South Africa's president and stressed he would keep to the pro-business policies of predecessor Thabo Mbeki, who resigned in the worst political crisis since apartheid.

To reassure rattled investors, Motlanthe reappointed respected Finance Minister Trevor Manuel, whose resignation on Tuesday was a hit to the rand currency and stocks. Mines Minister Buyelwa Sonjica was also reappointed.

Motlanthe was overwhelmingly elected earlier by parliament in a secret ballot and will serve as interim president until a general election next year when African National Congress leader Jacob Zuma is expected to become head of state.

The ANC withdrew its backing for Mbeki Saturday after a judge suggested he had interfered in a graft case against Zuma, his arch rival, who toppled him as head of the party last December.

In his acceptance speech, Motlanthe stressed continuity with the policies of Mbeki, who presided over the longest period of growth in South Africa's history: "We will remain true to the policies that have kept South Africa steady and that have ensured sustained growth."

But Motlanthe also vowed to intensify efforts to increase growth and job creation and "ensure that the benefits of growth are equally shared by all our people," he said. **REUTERS**

States hit by gas shortages following Ike

U.S. Gasoline shortages in North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and parts of Florida in the wake of Hurricane Ike have driven some consumers to desperate measures as they hunt for places to fill up.

"Some people are even following tankers to the station and then they descend upon the station," said Randy Bly, a spokesman for the AAA's Auto Club South Chapter, representing southeastern states.

Bly said the Atlanta, Georgia and Nashville, Tennessee metro areas have been particularly hard hit.

The shortages have sparked hoarding in some cases, with reports of motorists filling up their tanks and several other

containers as well, Bly said.

Hurricane Ike shut 15 refineries and several pipelines in the Gulf Coast. The outages have driven U.S. gasoline inventories to their lowest levels since 1967.

Supply disruptions could continue in some areas of the country for weeks, the U.S. government said Wednesday.

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Lima Jail house rock



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Inmates take care of their children during a party for the kids inside Santa Monica women's prison in Lima yesterday. The prison allows children of the inmates to stay with their mothers till age three. There are currently 50 children in the prison.

News in brief

ENERGY Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said he wants to look at nuclear cooperation with Venezuela, after meeting President Hugo Chavez yesterday at his residence. "We are all ready to look at the possibility of operating in the sphere of peaceful atomic energy," said Putin.

HUNGER Children in Zimbabwe are eating rats and inedible roots riddled with toxic parasites to stave off hunger because of chronic food shortages, Save the Children said yesterday. The most vulnerable face starvation unless they get food aid in the next couple of weeks, the organization says.

DRUGS The brother of Colombia's justice minister Fabio Valencia was arrested yesterday as part of an organized crime probe linking dozens of political allies of President Alvaro Uribe to the country's cocaine trade. Former Medellin chief prosecutor Guillermo Valencia, denies wrongdoing. **REUTERS**

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Bombing in Myanmar

A bomb exploded outside City Hall in Myanmar's main city yesterday, wounding four people. **REUTERS**

world 13**Breast cancer to rise**

CHINA Cases of breast cancer are expected to climb dramatically in China in the years ahead, researchers say, unless women avoid weight gain and limit their alcohol intake — two leading risk factors for the disease.

The study, published this week in The Journal of the National Cancer Institute, combines the results of a statistical study and data on lifestyle changes in Chinese women. Researchers pre-

dicted there would be more than 100 breast cancer cases per 100,000 women aged 55-69 by 2021, compared with the rate of 10-60 per 100,000 cases now.

"The current incidence of breast cancer in China is low compared with the rate in Western countries. But as more Chinese women adopt a Western life style, the rate is expected to climb," researchers said in a statement.

Researcher Eleni Linos of

Stanford University Hospital in the U.S., said Chinese women need to avoid some of the well-established risk factors. "Limiting alcohol use, and avoiding weight gain can decrease a woman's risk of breast cancer," she wrote in an e-mail.

"Modest reductions in hormone and alcohol use, and weight maintenance are predicted to prevent approximately 10 per cent of these cases," according to the report.

REUTERS

News in brief

RELIGION Breaking with the norm in Indonesia, one Islamic school provides a special program for Muslim transvestites during Ramadan, the holiest month of the Islamic calendar when religious fervour intensifies. Teachers at Mujahadah al-Fatah said the program is aimed at helping transvestites learn more about their faith, with the hope that they would start living like ordinary men. Although transvestites are largely tolerated, they are banned from most Indonesian Islamic schools. **REUTERS**

Congolese pastor wins Rafto

AWARD A Norwegian human rights group, which has four times anticipated the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize with its award, chose Congolese church leader Bulambo Lembele Josue yesterday to receive its annual prize.

The Rafto Foundation for Human Rights said Pastor Bulambo has worked to end the plight of the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

An estimated 5.4 million people have died in Congo from fighting, hunger and

disease since a war — fuelled by mineral riches — started in 1998.

Bulambo has run programs to rehabilitate women victims and child soldiers and has opposed any amnesty for perpetrators of sexual violence, the foundation said.

The Rafto prize, awarded since 1987, comes with 50,000 crowns (\$8,919 US) and will be presented in November in Bergen.

It is not known if Bulambo among the Nobel Peace Prize nominees. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Fantasy sports **A gal's nightmare**

Allison Lodish, who started a website called Woman Against Fantasy Sports, displays a set of women's underwear that she recently started selling that says "closed for the fantasy season" in Mill Valley, California.

Bailout plan 'bold and timely': Bank of Canada

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney threw his support behind Washington's "bold and timely" \$700-billion US financial industry bailout package yesterday, saying it could minimize the economic cost and duration of the global credit crisis if well executed.

He said Canada's financial institutions were

much better capitalized than their U.S. and global peers, but warned that the Canadian economy is not immune to the fallout from the global crisis.

Carney said several articles of faith in the financial system have been shaken, but noted that the plan was a "cathartic ... beginning of the end of a 14-month crisis."

REUTERS

Oilsands upgrader delayed

OIL The planned \$4-billion Heartland oilsands upgrader has been mothballed due to skyrocketing labour and material costs, Canwest Global reported yesterday.

The story said construc-

tion on the planned 77,500 barrel per day facility in Strathcona County has been delayed three or four years.

The facility's first phase was scheduled to be completed in 2011.

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The San Francisco 49ers announced yesterday they will retire the jersey No. 8 of former quarterback Steve Young, the 11th player to be so honored in team history. The ceremony will take place at halftime of San Francisco's game against New England on Sunday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

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Patriots' Brown retires

Troy Brown, left, the all-time leading receiver in New England Patriots history, announced his retirement yesterday. Brown, 37, was not offered a contract by the Patriots this season, and did not catch on with another team. The 15-year veteran spent most of the 2007 season on the physically unable to perform list.

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Flames contain Coyotes

Calgary 3, Phoenix 1

A pair of second period goals helped the Calgary Flames down the Phoenix Coyotes 3-1 in an NHL pre-season action Thursday.

Matthew Lombardi scored a goal and Miikka Kiprusoff stopped all nine shots he faced.

Mike Cammalleri and Andre Roy both scored for the Flames. Curtis McElhinney stopped 13-of-14 shots in 31 minutes between the pipes.

Viktor Tikhonov scored the lone goal for the Coyotes. Mikael Tellqvist stopped 21 shots in defeat.

Detroit 4 Boston 3 —

Brad Stuart scored midway through the third period as Detroit edged Boston, 4-3, in exhibition action at the Metro Centre in Halifax.

Cory Emmerton, Brett Lebda and Henrik Zetterberg also found the back of the net for the defending Stanley Cup champions.



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Boston Bruins forward Martin St. Pierre, right, had a goal and assist last night against the Detroit Red Wings at the Metro Centre in Halifax. The Red Wings beat the Bruins 4-3.

Capitals 5 Carolina 2 —

Alexander Ovechkin tallied two goals and an assist to lead the Washington Capitals to a 5-2 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes in pre-season action at Verizon Center.

Michael Nylander also scored twice while Christopher Bourque posted the

other goal for the Capitals, who rallied from two goals down after the first period to score five unanswered goals. Michal Neuvirth stopped 24 of 26 shots while Daren Machesney turned away all three shots he faced in the win.

Lightning 4 Rangers 2 —

The Tampa Bay Lightning

tallied three third-period goals to power past the New York Rangers last night. Ryan Malone and Martin St. Louis scored 2:18 apart in the third period to bring the Lightning back from 2-1 down.

Chris Gratton scored Tampa Bay's other goal.

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Kim off to hot start at Tour Championship

GOLF Anthony Kim maintained his blistering form from last week's Ryder Cup to charge into a four-stroke lead in yesterday's opening round at the Tour Championship.

The 23-year-old American, seeking his third PGA Tour victory this year, fired a sparkling six-under-par 64 on a breezy, sun-baked day at East Lake Golf Club.



Kim, who played a significant role in the U.S. Ryder Cup Anthony victory over Europe Kim at Valhalla, piled up eight birdies and two bogeys to pull clear of a high-quality leaderboard.

American world No. 2 Phil Mickelson opened with a 68 to share second place with South Africans Ernie Els and Trevor Immelman, the Masters champion.

South Korean K.J. Choi carded a 69, while Canadian left-hander Mike Weir and Spaniard Sergio Garcia both managed to return matching 70s.

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Cincinnati at St. Louis, 6:15

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Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 6:30

Expect Edmonton to contend for Cup

York Report



Marty York

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No NHL squad enters this season with a more impressive blend of experience and young talent than the Edmonton Oilers, which is why many shrewd hockey followers figure they will:

- Challenge for a division title.
- Emerge as the league's most improved team.
- Establish themselves as the top contenders in Western Canada.

The Oilers, in fact, are in the upper echelon of teams likely to capture the Stanley Cup this season, according to the latest odds. Odds-makers are rating the Oilers as 20-to-1 possibilities for NHL supremacy. They were 100-to-1 longshots at this time last year.

Canadian teams below the Oilers on the oddsmakers' list these days are the Ottawa Senators (22-to-1), the Calgary Flames (25-to-1), the Vancouver Canucks (44-to-1) and the Toronto Maple Leafs (100-to-1).

The Montreal Canadiens are among the NHL's favourites, at 8-to-1. The Pittsburgh Penguins also are at 8-to-1, while the Detroit Red Wings are favoured to repeat as champions, at 7-to-2.

• The Oilers hope to add a quality defenceman and are dangling veteran goaltender Dwayne Roloson as trade bait. Mathieu Garon will be Edmonton's starting netminder ... The St. Louis Blues covet veteran Brendan Shanahan, who hasn't received a contract offer to re-sign with the New York Rangers ... Ottawa shot-callers speak daily to representatives of Mats Sundin.

Dumbest quote

• Bleacher Report lists this comment from Fox broadcaster Terry Bradshaw as the dumbest of the Top 25 sports quotes in history: "I may be dumb, but I'm not stupid." For the complete list, visit www.bleacherreport.com.

They're in relentless pursuit of the Swedish veteran ... Forward Ryan Malone can't get over his departure from the Pens. "Being from Pittsburgh," he said, "you have a lot of pride pulling that jersey on. To not get a serious offer from them was so weird." Malone is with Tampa Bay this season ... Malone's new Lightning coach, Barry Melrose, has been replaced as ESPN's hockey analyst by ex-NHL pest Matthew Barnaby.

• If J.P. Ricciardi returns as Blue Jays general manager next season — and that's more likely now than it was a month ago — he'll go hard after Rafael Furcal, who will be a free agent after his injury-plagued season with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Ricciardi's top two priorities: A productive shortstop and leadoff hitter. Furcal could be both.

• The Washington Post reports Chicago pitcher Ryan Dempster is living out "The American Dream" as he walks four blocks daily to Wrigley Field for home games and pitches in a baseball-mad city where the Cubs have a shot at winning their first World Series title in 100 years.

Thing is, Dempster is Canadian. He's from B.C., and, before next season, he wouldn't mind signing as a free agent with the Jays.

• Please log on to www.metronews.ca to read my latest CFL Report.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Sports in brief

NFL Cardinals defensive end Bertrand Berry will miss Arizona's game against the New York Jets on Sunday with a groin tear.

MLB Roy Halladay picked up his 20th win of the season as Toronto downed New York, 8-2, in the finale of their three-game series at Rogers Centre last night. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Knicks and will attempt another comeback with his former team.

Canadian wins silver



BRYN LENNON/GLEANER IMAGES

Svein Tuft, of Canada, celebrates his silver medal of the Men's Time Trial event, at the road World cycling Championships, in Varese, Italy, yesterday. Tuft's medal is Canada's first since 1984.

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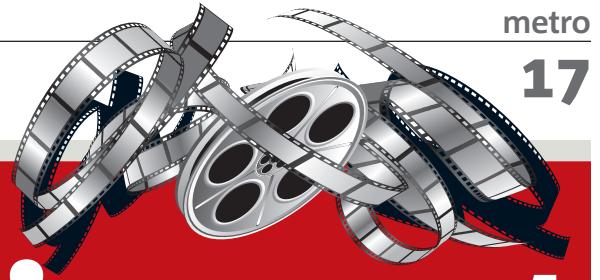
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Secret smoked out

Acting veterans Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy and John Wayne were paid to promote smoking during Hollywood's "Golden Age," it has emerged. The stars received huge cash sums to advertise tobacco, according to researchers at the University of California at San Francisco. [IMDB.COM](#)



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EDITOR: TINA COSTANZA, TINA.COSTANZA@METRONEWS.CA**Movies****One of the lucky ones**

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Instead of an incendiary drama about returning vets desperately trying to fit back into normal life, *The Lucky Ones* deals with troops coming home in a conventionally life-affirming manner. Rachel McAdams plays Colee, who sets out to return her boyfriend's guitar back to his family after he dies saving her life.

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Terry Lynn delivers dizzying mix of reggae, house beats.

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Great cast but Rodanthe's script wastes actors' talent.

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Movies

★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★ GOOD; ★ FAIR; ● POOR



Michael Pena, Rachel McAdams and Tim Robbins play soldiers returning home from the Iraq war in *The Lucky Ones*.

Lucky Ones a bland flick

KEVIN COURIER
for Metro Canada



The Lucky Ones

Director: Neil Burger
Stars: Rachel McAdams, Tim Robbins, Michael Pena
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●

the picture deals with troops coming home in a bland and conventionally life-affirming manner.

Using William Wyler's classic 1946 drama *The Best Years of Our Lives* — about Second World War vets facing difficulties coming home — as his model, Burg-

er unfortunately simplifies the conflicts.

The *Lucky Ones* is *The Best Years of Our Lives* reconceived as a sitcom.

The story focuses on three soldiers: T.K. (Michael Pena), wounded by shrapnel in the groin; Cheever (Tim Robbins) returning home to a broken family; and Colee (Rachel McAdams) who sets out to return her boyfriend's guitar back to his family after he dies saving her life.

Although Burger tries to show how these soldiers are returning to heal both physical — and emotional —

wounds, every plot point (including T.K.'s impotence) becomes a metaphor alert.

The hardships encountered on their travels, to Las Vegas from St. Louis, become tired episodes of character building.

In *The Illusionist*, Burger told a satisfyingly, old-fashioned story about the illogicalness of magic because he turned the clichés of the genre into elegant tricks.

But *The Lucky Ones*, relying on cheap and easy ironies, takes the road to recovery with highly predictable results.

Lee gives fans, critics lots of fuel in St. Anna

RICK McGINNIS
Metro Canada



Miracle at St. Anna

Director: Spike Lee
Stars: Derek Luke, Michael Ealy, Laz Alonso
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●●

conscientious leader (Derek Luke), the cynical bad ass (Michael Ealy), the religious everyman (Laz Alonso) and the childlike giant (Omar Benson Miller).

The Italians they encounter are just as archetypal, from the smoldering village hottie (Valentina Cervi) to the guilt-haunted partisan leader, and the crusty old Fascist with a heart of gold.

Lee has clearly been studying his war films, and there are shots and whole scenes that evoke precedents from *Von Ryan's Express* to *The Big Red One*, but the film has a looseness and disjointed continuity that suggest a drastic editing down that is only partly mitigated by its lunge into the fantastical at the end.

Despite his habitual contentiousness, Lee is still a marvelous craftsman, and when something works it really works, though not enough to make *Miracle at St. Anna* anything like an unqualified success.



Four black GIs are cut off from their unit in Spike Lee's new film.

Moore can't believe the shock over Blindness

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



FEATURE Julianne Moore doesn't know what the big deal is. Her latest film *Blindness* — it opens next Friday — has been getting noticed for its audacious look at humanity's breakdown during times of crisis.

Sure, it includes some shocking moments — like a scene where a group of seemingly civilized women hand over sex for food — but as the four-time Oscar-nominated actress wonders: What's the big surprise?

"People have been horrified by the rape scenes but that's routine in war times," says Moore during a recent interview in Toronto. "It's a violent crime, it happens all over the world all the time when people are not being so-called civilized so there's nothing that happens in this movie that we're not capable of."

It's a frightening possibility; perhaps that's partly why José Saramago's acclaimed novel has taken 10-plus years to get to the big screen.

In fact, it was a Canadian (Don McKellar) who finally

adapted the gripping story of a city gone blind by a mysterious virus. As the film exemplifies, morals crumble under duress and life can swiftly unfold into chaos.

"Sadly, I don't think we do anything in this movie that is particularly unusual that we haven't seen in the news," insists Moore.

"When we first walked in and saw the set of what the wards were supposed to look like after (they've been quarantined with the infected), it looked just like the Super Dome during (Hurricane) Katrina. I mean it looked exactly like that."

The authenticity of the sets only added to the ease of preparing to play the only person left with (in this case) the disability to see. Moore, who also starred in the 2006 dystopian drama *Children of Men*, insists such a bleak role is always easier to play than fantastical characters.

"If I had to emotionally say, 'Hey, I can be invisible,' I don't know if I could figure out what that felt like," admits Moore. "But if it's something I've read about in the newspaper and I know people are actually capable of doing it then I can figure it out."



Julianne Moore and Mark Ruffalo star in the *Blindness*, about a mysterious virus that robs people of their sight.

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Shia LaBeouf finds himself "activated" in *Eagle Eye*. Director Steven Spielberg first came up with the idea about 10 years ago.

Eagle Eye lacks insight

Spielberg idea pays off as action flick

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Eagle Eye

Director: D.J. Caruso
Stars: Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan
Classification: 14A
Rating: 3 1/2

REVIEW When Steven Spielberg first came up with the idea for *Eagle Eye*, it probably seemed like an outrageous science fiction story.

Now, some 10 years later — and having handed the reins over to *Disturbia* director D.J. Caruso — *Eagle Eye* may be a high-octane, car crash-filled action flick, but it hardly contains the insightfulness of what it truly needs to work.

In an odd combination of *North by Northwest*,

The *Fugitive* and even 2001: A Space Odyssey, *Eagle Eye* features Shia LaBeouf as Jerry, an unmotivated slacker who unwillingly gets paired up with single mom Rachel (Michelle Monaghan) after the duo receive mysterious phone calls from a strange female voice saying they've "been activated."

As such, the unlucky couple are cast on a dangerous unknown mission, while all kinds of technology — like cells, traffic lights, ATM ma-

chines — is manipulated along the way.

There is a twist to the plot that I won't spoil here, but unfortunately, the big revelation is too late into the film and of little shock value to really pay off.

The film's actual underlying intent is to shed light on society's complacency with surveillance and it even attempts to take a political stance towards national security.

While *Eagle Eye* only grazes these intriguing ideas, it also upstages them with endless shaky-cam car and foot chases.

This is where *Eagle Eye* will pay off for most moviegoers: As a loud, frenetic, expensive action flick with little to offer the brain but nonsensical stimulation.

Well, it's "been activated."

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Actress Diane Lane stuck in a lame-duck movie

PHILIP BROWN
for Metro Canada



Nights in Rodanthe

Director: George C. Wolfe
Stars: Diane Lane, Richard Gere
Classification: PG
Rating: 3

REVIEW *Nights In Rodanthe* is Diane Lane's latest exercise in middle-age wish fulfillment — and it's a shame that such a talented actress has been reduced to a career of terrible romantic fantasies.

Unfortunately, when an actress hits 40 in Hollywood she can either appear in interesting supporting roles every five years or star in splashy and trashy romances like this.

Lane is strong enough as an actress to actually pull off some of the clichéd and unbelievable scenes that her character has to go through, but her

performance is not enough to save this lame duck of a movie.

Lane stars as Adrienne Willis a recent divorcee struggling to decide whether she wants to reunite with her ex-husband.

She takes a weekend trip to look after a friend's inn and is surprised to discover that the only guest in the hotel that weekend is a lonely doctor, played by Richard Gere.

How convenient is that? Think these two lonely hearts will turn out to be

an unlikely pair?

It's all very predictable and emotionally simplistic. At one point, Gere is able to overcome the emotional tragedy of inadvertently killing a patient simply by apologizing to the family.

James Franco pops up in a cameo role as Gere's son, but his scenes are depressing to watch because they show just how easily a good actor can be made to look silly by bad material.

The same sentiments can be applied to the film as a whole.

It's a very glossy Hollywood production with a big-name cast, but with a script this tired, the work of everyone involved goes to waste.



Richard Gere and Diane Lane are a couple of lonely hearts in *Nights in Rodanthe*.

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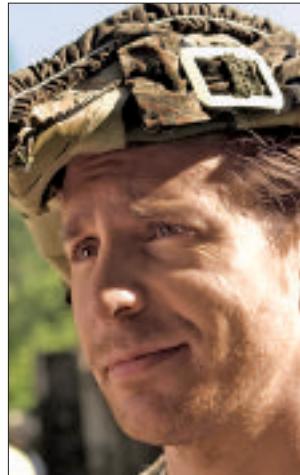
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Cast doesn't Choke

Choke

Director: Clark Gregg
Stars: Sam Rockwell, Anjelica Huston
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●●



Sam Rockwell plays a sex-addicted scam artist in Choke.

REVIEW It's nearly impossible not to compare Choke to the 1999 hit film Fight Club. The most obvious reason: Like Fight Club, Choke is based on a novel by Chuck Palahniuk, one of today's most gifted/twisted authors.

Choke also shares many of the same deviant themes explored in Fight Club, but truth be told, that's where the parallels mostly end.

Sam Rockwell (Matchstick Men) plays Victor, a sex-addicted scam artist who, when he's not working his dead-end job at a colonial theme park or vis-

obsessed with finding out the identity of his father.

Sure, it's as convoluted as it sounds, but apart from some fascinating unconventionalities — like Victor wondering if he is the second coming of Christ — Choke is weakened by trying to overly conform to romantic-comedy standards.

It's not Rockwell's fault. He certainly plays an obtuse character with sincerity. In fact, a great cast helps anchor a film that is practically gasping for a wicked eye.

Written and directed by actor-turned-filmmaker Clark Gregg — known for his supporting role on TV's The New Adventures of Old Christine — Choke unfortunately lacks a much-needed visual sense.

The story suffers when it's delivered with the straight-forwardness that Gregg gives it. When characters are this bent, the rest of the movie should be, too.

Shoot on Sight thriller is dead on the money

JIM REYNOLDS
 Metro Canada

**Shoot on Sight**

Director: Jag Mundhra
Stars: Naseeruddin Shah, Greta Scacchi, Om Puri, Brian Cox
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●●●

coworkers, his own fellow Muslims and troubled by parenting problems. It

seems Ali will never get any peace. Shah gives the role a quiet dignity and restraint. Yet, there's also an intensity; building and building until the resolution of the story.

Director Jag Mundhra has a lot to handle, and the film is on the cusp of having too many story lines (some scenarios are brought up and promptly dropped).

But Mundhra unerringly distrusts his folds things naturally, so

the complex story is never overwhelming or forced.

Shoot on Sight avoids the easy stereotypes: Terrorists bad, police good. No one gets to stand on any moral high ground for long. It's like real life: There are many factors at play in our lives, and we're all flawed.

Mundhra effectively portrays the terrorists themselves, and gives us a sense of the frustration and desperation someone must feel to be willing to die to kill others. At the same time, we get the police perspective. If they shoot an innocent Muslim man because they think he's a terrorist, they're racist. If they don't prevent a terrorist attack, they're incompetent.

All of these ideas are presented in the context of an entertaining drama. Shoot on Sight isn't preachy — just fascinating.



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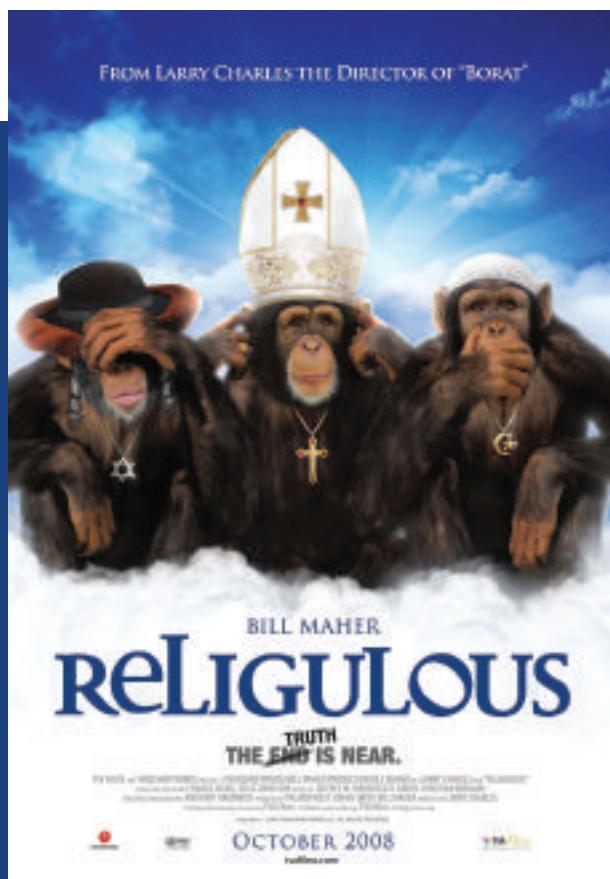
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Reel Time

Casting call leads to help for homeless animals

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Beverly Hills Chihuahua is a new Disney film.

FEATURE When filmmaker Raja Gosnell set out to make his latest movie, he never intended to save a legion of homeless animals. Fate, however, can be a curious thing.

"(When you) put out the call, there's no 200 chihuahuas that just happen to be available, so a lot of them were rescue dogs," admits the director behind cinema's latest talking-dog movie, Beverly Hills Chihuahua.

Forced to cast sheltered canines, Gosnell was rewarded not just by housing some of Hollywood's lost lapdogs, but he was also surprised to discover how talented the wayward waggers were.

"Halfway through the movie, you'll forget you're watching dogs and get so wrapped up in the characters."

The movie — it opens

he's the star of the movie.

"He just had so much energy and (was) so ready to do anything that he was probably everyone's favourite on set."

And Gosnell should know a thing or two about dogs. Not only did he work with hundreds of four-legged friends this time, but in 2002 the director also brought the cartoon canine Scooby-Doo to the big-screen.

Although creating a computer-generated pooch was admittedly easier, Gosnell insists the pay off with real pups was certainly more rewarding.

"They've got so much soul in their eyes and so much nuance you can get from their performance — whether it's the flick of an ear or the blink of an eye or an unplanned hiccup that you can sort of synchronize with the lines.

"There's a life there; a living, breathing thing and you can never get that in (animation)."

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Bill Maher: Don't be Religulous

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

FEATURE Bill Maher has a reputation for being both outspoken and incautious.

At a press event for Religulous, his film diatribe against the persistence of faith in the modern world, he tells us that no matter what he's said about Jews, Christians or Muslim fundamentalists, it's the Australians who'll probably get him.

"The fervor against me in Australia is so intense because I wore a Steve Irwin Halloween costume not long after he died," Maher recalls. "I looked like Steve Irwin and I had the stingray thing in my chest, and I have absolutely no regrets."

"I'm a PETA board member, and I believe that if you are killed by an animal in the wild, you were probably doing something with that animal you absolutely should not have been doing."



Bill Maher

Maher is clearly amused by the whole incident, but he gets animated, perhaps even a bit emotional, when the subject turns to his film's target.

He shrugs off the suggestion that holy books like the Bible might not be interpreted literally by many, if not most, of the devout who — one presumes — aren't the primary audience of his film, and that despite his obsession with their improbabili-

bilities, much of the Bible might be interpreted as an allegory.

"If it is, it's a horrible one. Have you read it? The first five books is nothing but God killing people for no good reason. Wiping people out. Genocide. Vengeance. Jealousy. In the movie we have that little bit about the Sodom and Gomorrah story, about people raping angels."

The most biting criticism of Religulous is that Maher and director Larry Charles have gone for soft targets and avoided anyone who might have put up an articulate defence.

Much of the film pits Maher against attendees at a Bible theme park in Florida, and the actor who plays Christ in the stage show there, or Orthodox Jews employed in constructing Rube Goldberg type gadgets that allow them to, say, make a phone call on the Sabbath.

There are a lot of good laughs in Religulous, but for Maher's broader point to bite, you have to believe — as he obviously does — that every form of faith is equivalent, and that the beliefs of the most naïve hold for everyone else. Maher bristles at the suggestion.

"Anyone who is religious is a soft target, and an extremist. It's not just Jesus. People want to have it both ways. On the one hand they say, 'There are these smart religious people, why don't you go after them?'

"Excuse me, if you believe in a talking snake and you believe that the world is 5,000 years old, and you believe that you're drinking the blood of a 2,000-year-old space god on Sunday, ipso facto you're a rube."

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Pegg gets change of pace in new film

PHILIP BROWN
for Metro Canada

FEATURE Simon Pegg has managed to live out every movie geek's dream. He's gone from a pop culture obsessive to a cult celebrity beloved by his geeky brethren for co-writing and starring in *Shaun Of The Dead* and *Hot Fuzz*.

His latest feature, *How to Lose Friends and Alienate People* — a movie he only appears in as an actor — offers a change of pace for Pegg who is normally quite involved behind the scenes.

"It's good for me to let go and learn that I don't have to be implicit in every part of the project. It's actually refreshing," said Pegg during a recent visit to Toronto.

"It was really nice to read a script and think, 'No, I don't have to do anything to that.' I've read stuff in the past and thought, 'Um, let me fiddle with it.' But this was already there."

Opening next Friday, the film is based on a book by the notorious Toby Young,

a British journalist who is infamous for his ability to well, lose friends and alienate people. Pegg plays a fictionalized version of Toby in the film, but didn't think Young was that bad when he met him to prepare for the role.

"The people who know him through his work, they know a specific kind of Toby. They know the work-mode nutcase, a tenacious, irritating guy. Whereas I met this faintly eccentric nice guy and I found him very personable.

"But, I've spoken to people who say, 'Oh my god, I f-king hate him.'

Curb Your Enthusiasm veteran Robert Weide makes his feature directorial debut with this movie, and Pegg found that Weide was quite prepared from all his television experience.

"The only way that it was possible to tell was that sometimes he would forget to say 'cut' because he's so used to using video. Everyone would just be listening to the celluloid whir through the camera thinking, 'He better say cut



Simon Pegg appears as an actor only in *How to Lose Friends and Alienate People*.

in a second or we're going to lose money."

The director may have been fresh, but the cast was quite experienced, including Jeff Bridges with whom Pegg became fast friends.

"Jeff is one of the best actors in the world and very

focused on set, but off camera we would talk about (the movie) *Tron* and I wound up playing bongo drums in his trailer while he played the guitar."

He might be becoming a movie star himself, but Pegg is still a film fan at heart and is still shocked

and intimidated to be working with such major talents.

"It's amazing and I hope it remains that way. It doesn't take long to dispel the celebrity myths, but I hope they're always there at first because they're quite fun."

Movie morsel

Burn After Reading

★★

REVIEW Barely a year after Joel and Ethan Coen released one of the finest movies of their career, *No Country for Old Men*, the auteur siblings have returned.

In typical Coen style they made a tonal 180-degree turn, moving from a tightly crafted thriller that ruminates on the nature of violence to a fast-paced comedic farce that plays hatchet murders for slapstick comedy.

Given that *No Country for Old Men* saw the brothers regain the edge and craft of their early thrillers, there was hope that this movie would return them to the comedic heyday of *Raising Arizona* and *The Big Lebowski*. Unfortunately that didn't happen.

While *Burn After Reading* is a better comedy than the brothers' recent Hollywood dalliances like *Intolerable Cruelty*, it's still far too inconsistent to match their finest work.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Quote of the week

"I feel like there's a clear point in my life before this movie and after this movie ... I'm a fairly guarded person and I can be pretty insecure when I first meet people. But Jonathan (Demme) got me. He became my friend and mentor."

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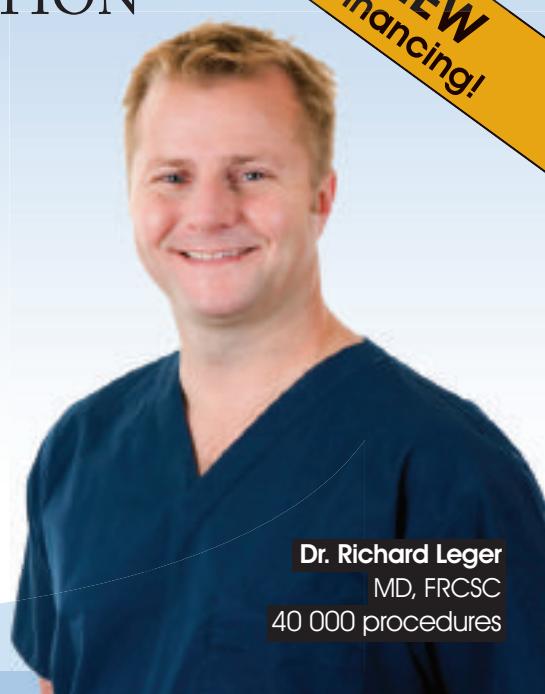
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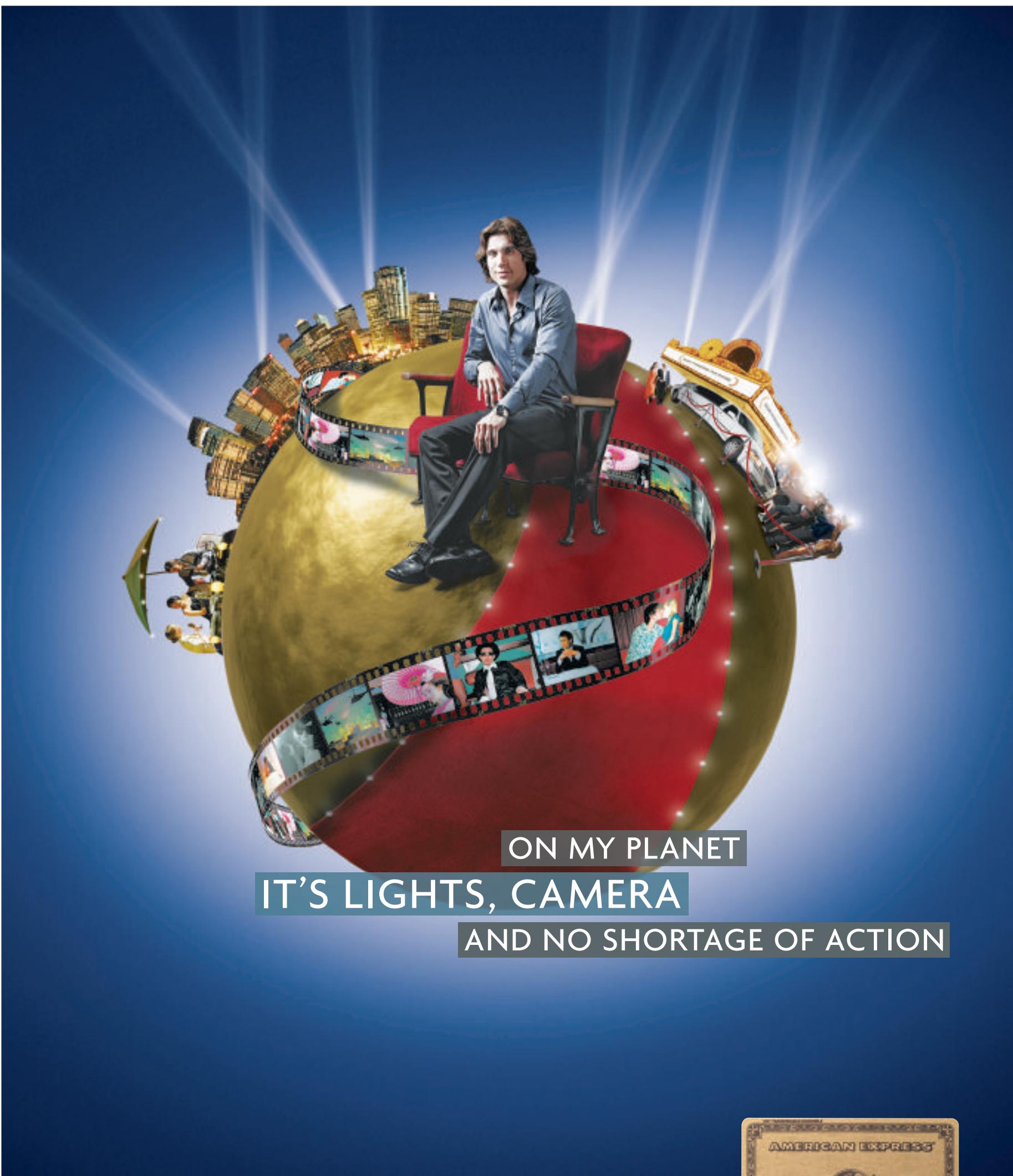
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Kingston street logic

Terry Lynn blends stark lyrics with electro, house and Caribbean beats

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Dirty house, southern hip-hop and electro take a Caribbean holiday on Terry Lynn's new disc.

Kingston Logic 2.0 blends Lynn's reggae flow with MIA-style bangers. The album flips Sister Nancy's legacy into a satirical take on the rudeboys of gangster artists like Bounty Killer.

"I've been doing dancehall for a long time, and found it wasn't fulfilling anymore," she said. "You get 20 different artists getting onto one rhythm, and that does not allow the artists to express themselves."

Growing up with her mom in the markets of inner-city Kingston, trading rhymes with musicians who banged out rhythms on homemade drums, Lynn sharpened her skills by portraying the dark sides of Waterhouse.

"I'm really wondering if the world will be around much longer," she said. "I needed to do something about it in my own way, and that's what made me



PETER DEAN RICKARDS/LAST GANG RECORDS

Kingston Logic 2.0 was released this week by Last Gang Records. For more information on the project, and to view photos from The Afflicted Yard, visit phreemusic.com or kingstonlogic.com.

do my lyrical journalism."

The resulting album blends Lynn's stark lyrics with beats from Toronto-based producer Phred. Despite the difference in geography — Phred is from Calgary — the pair have a lot in common. Lynn's partner grew up listening to Jamaican music, and so despite pulling in influences from U.K. grime, dirty south, electro and

French house, his beats are consistent with a Caribbean sense of rhythm. But even the album's most traditional-sounding tune — the folksy crooner River of Babylon — contains the underlying menace of a distorted blast that echoes through the song.

"When me and Phred hooked up, we started drawing from different

beats ... But our experiments are still Jamaican — that's still the root (of our sound)," she said. "It's like artwork: if everyone's painting on canvas, why not paint on piece of wood or piece of stone?"

Kingston Logic references the situations that Lynn has watched growing up in Jamaica — a region where natural disasters, gun violence and the im-

"We started drawing from different beats ... But our experiments are still Jamaican."

Terry Lynn

pact of economic policies vie for status in a cycle of tragedy. Income disparity and crime only add to the area's troubles, which include hurricanes and floods that tear houses apart during seven-month rainy seasons. The dark mood is reflected in the project's accompanying artwork: Peter Dean Rickards' photographs of The Afflicted Yard and shots of Lynn pointing a massive revolver.

"Those images are not meant to induce violence — I'm against violence. I use satirical images to explain what goes on," said Lynn. "I'm trying to raise awareness about crime and violence in Jamaica ... (and that) while some people can enjoy the beaches, most people — underground people, grassroots people — are struggling with their daily lives."

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While former U.S. President Ronald Reagan was beloved by conservatives, he was generally reviled by those on the left, including much of the rock 'n' roll community. Strange, then, that Ronnie was the one to usher in the era of the rock-song-as-campaign-song.

Up until 1984, candidates for high office in North America tended to avoid using rock music to pump up the crowds at rallies, conventions and speeches. Some — like Richard Nixon — even used ad agencies to custom-write songs.

In '84, though, Reagan's people (starting with conservative writer George Will, who thought that Bruce Springsteen might actually endorse Reagan) wrongly interpreted Born in the U.S.A. as a patriotic song and began using it at rallies that September. Springsteen — a long-time registered Democrat — was most annoyed and asked that they cut it out.) Meanwhile, Democrat Walter Mondale chose Bill Conti's Gonna Fly Now, the theme from all the Rocky movies. How cliché.

The '88 campaign was a snoozer with George Bush's This Land is Your Land by Woody Guthrie (who, ironically, was a life-long socialist) facing off against Michael Dukakis and Neil Diamond's America.

Leave it to Bill Clinton to shake things up by introducing Fleetwood Mac's Don't Stop in 1992, a song that became inseparable from every Clinton who has campaigned for office

Election 2008

ever since. Bob Dole couldn't do any better than a re-worked version of the Sam and Dave song, Soul Man. "Dole Man" was downright embarrassing.

Things evolved dramatically for the 2000 election. Al Gore's Democrats enlisted some Canadian help from Bachman-Turner Overdrive's You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet, which was augmented by The Call's Let the Day Begin. Meanwhile, Current U.S. President George W. Bush countered with Right Now from Van Halen — but only after Tom Petty threatened to sue over the Republicans' appropriation of I Won't Back Down. (In a classic screw-you move, Petty performed the song for the Gore faithful just minutes after Al conceded.)

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Trump's company hit with lawsuit

Donald Trump has become the target of a \$5-million US lawsuit filed by a Manhattan, N.Y., lawyer who alleges the business tycoon's Trump Organization failed to fix a leak in his office, imbd.com reports.

John Bostany filed suit against the real-estate mogul's primary company, claiming his office, located in a building owned by Trump's firm, was devastated by "a series of leaks and floods." He

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Real-estate tycoon Donald Trump.

claims the water damage was caused by an inade-

quately constructed roof that's rendered him unable to work.

The lawyer agreed recently to pay one month's rent, a total of \$22,000, in Manhattan Supreme Court, after the Trump Organization challenged Bostany in a lower court, claiming he has been defaulting on payments since last year.

The court judge is deciding whether the suits will be consolidated.

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In brief

REALITY TV Choreographer to the stars Melissa Williams will join So You Think You Can Dance Canada as a guest judge and choreographer starting Wednesday through December. The announcement follows her Sept. 14 debut at the Halifax auditions for the dance competition. Williams has worked with singers Prince and George Michael, to name a few stars on her roster.

CASTING Canadian actress Jane McLean has joined Showtime's critically acclaimed original series Dexter in a recurring role for Season 3. McLean will join the cast this week. Details of her character are under wraps, due to the confidential nature of the show's storyline.

PEOPLE Actress Constance Marie is set to become a first-time mother when she gives birth to a baby girl early next year, imbd.com reports.. The former George Lopez star, 43, and yoga teacher Kent Katich are expecting their new addition in February. Marie admits she "wasn't sure" she wanted to start a family initially.

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Kattan's wife wants divorce

PEOPLE Comedian Chris Kattan has been slapped with divorce papers from his estranged wife Sunshine Tutt, just weeks after his publicist insisted they had "no plans for divorce," imbd.com reports.

The pair wed in Yosemite Valley, Calif., on June 28, after a three-year courtship. But they split just eight weeks later, with Kattan, 37, filing for legal separation. However, model Tutt, 31, has now re-

quested a dissolution of the marriage, reports TMZ.com.

In legal papers filed in Los Angeles Superior Court recently, Tutt cites "irreconcilable differences" for the split. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Actresses Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have joined forces with Steve Madden Ltd. to create a line of footwear to add to their sportswear collection Elizabeth and James. [PEOPLE.COM](#)

Celebrity Buzz

Stone didn't lose custody: Lawyer

PEOPLE Actress Sharon Stone did not lose physical custody of her young son with ex-husband Phil Bronstein, [imdb.com](#) reports her lawyers as saying.

According to documents detailing a custody hearing earlier this month, Bronstein would "have permanent sole physical custody of child. (The) court finds that respondent Sharon Stone failed to meet her burden of proof and denies respondent's (Stone's) request for modification of custody." But the documents also stated: "Custody, visitation, holiday and vacation schedule shall remain in place as outlined on

10/4/07 order," — a document which stated that Stone had joint physical and legal custody of her son Roan, according to website [TMZ.com](#). The only reason that the case went to court again was in an attempt to get her son to move to a school in California, according to the star's lawyer, Marty Singer says. "She wanted the court to modify the order so her child could go to school in Los Angeles. But the court felt that, for whatever reason, that she did not meet a burden to move him out of San Francisco during the school year."

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Dita on Winehouse: 'I could tidy her up'

PEOPLE Burlesque star Dita Von Teese has offered troubled singer Amy Winehouse a makeover — and wants to start with her wardrobe, [imdb.com](#) reports. The

dancer also hopes to tackle the Rehab hitmaker's iconic beehive and thick makeup. "No matter how much she breaks down, she still has the beehive of sorts and the outfit and eyeliner," Von Teese says.

"When I see pictures of her I wish I could tidy her up a bit."

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Wedding bells for Nicky?

COPLES Fashion designer Nicky Hilton and her TV producer boyfriend David Katzenberg are planning a winter wedding, [imdb.com](#) reports. The couple, both 25, has been dating for the past two years.

"They are thinking about a December or January

wedding," an insider tells [Star magazine](#). "They want it to take place after the Christian and Jewish holidays." Hilton is the sister of Paris Hilton and daughter of Hilton hotel's Rick and Kathy Hilton. Katzenberg's dad is movie producer Jeffrey Katzenberg.

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Schefft a bachelorette no more

ENGAGEMENTS Former Bachelorette star Jen Schefft is engaged to her boyfriend, Joe Waterman, [People.com](#) reports.

"I'm so excited and so happy," says Schefft, 32.

The couple, who live in Chicago, met on a blind date in February. Their matchmaker: One of Schefft's previous blind dates, with

whom she didn't click. Schefft appeared on the ABC matchmaking show [The Bachelor](#) in 2003 and starred on [The Bachelorette](#) in 2005.

She went on to author the relationship book [Better Single Than Sorry](#) and is now director of ad sales for [Heavy.com](#).

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Watts allegedly shouts down paparazzi

OUTBURST Pregnant actress Naomi Watts reportedly lashed out at the paparazzi in Los Angeles after her repeated requests for peace were ignored, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The star was roaming Beverly Hills with close friend Rebecca Rigg when she was pursued by a group of photographers. But the 39-year-old confronted the snappers when they refused to leave her alone. "What do you think

you're doing to us? What the f-k do you think you are doing?" according to the Sydney Daily Telegraph, Watts yelled. Watts then ran into a nearby building and tried to wrestle a camera from a photographer.

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celebrity briefs

Splitsville for Portman, beau

BREAKUPS Natalie Portman and her folk-rocker boyfriend Devendra Banhart have broken up, [People.com](#) reports. Portman, 27, began dating Banhart after starring in his [Carmensita](#) video, which was shot last March.



Drunks nearly ruined wedding

PEOPLE Patrick Dempsey and his wife have no decent photo memories of their wedding day — because their photographers were drunk, [imdb.com](#) reports. The Grey's Anatomy star married Jillian Fink in 1999, but their big day was almost ruined when the snappers drank too much alcohol before the ceremony.

"That was the only disastrous moment," Dempsey said. "But it was kind of entertaining."



Lucas prefers brunettes

PEOPLE Actor Josh Lucas has set his sights on a new belle — model Julia Restoin-Roitfeld, [imdb.com](#) reports. A friend of the star, who has dated Anne Hathaway and Salma Hayek, tells [Star magazine](#), "He loves exotic looking brunettes. He has a serious crush."



"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

The last time Sharon Stone was in the news, we saw her drawing on her vast reserves of philosophical education, geopolitical knowledge, and fortune cookie messages to opine that the Sichuan earthquake was less a natural disaster than karmic retribution for China's policy on Tibet. Now I have to wonder, is Sharon Stone's failure to gain custody of her son a case of her suffering the bite of karma for invoking karma, is motherhood simply not one of her Basic Instincts, or is it just a really bad idea to mess with the Chinese? Of course, Stone's lawyer wants you to believe that his client hasn't been denied physical custody, she just couldn't change the specific arrangement. I'm going to ignore that, because if I were interested in the facts I wouldn't be writing on this page, and you, dear reader, wouldn't be reading it. We want salacious and unfounded explanations for celebrity phenomena, where the least factual is always the most accurate. We want to learn that Stone's setback is either a result of her repeatedly crossing and uncrossing her legs in front of the judge's bench, or of her failure to do so. We want to know where the judge has plotted her on the Scale of Awful Motherhood. Where does she rank in relation to say, Joan Crawford, Dina Lohan, Livia Soprano and Medea?

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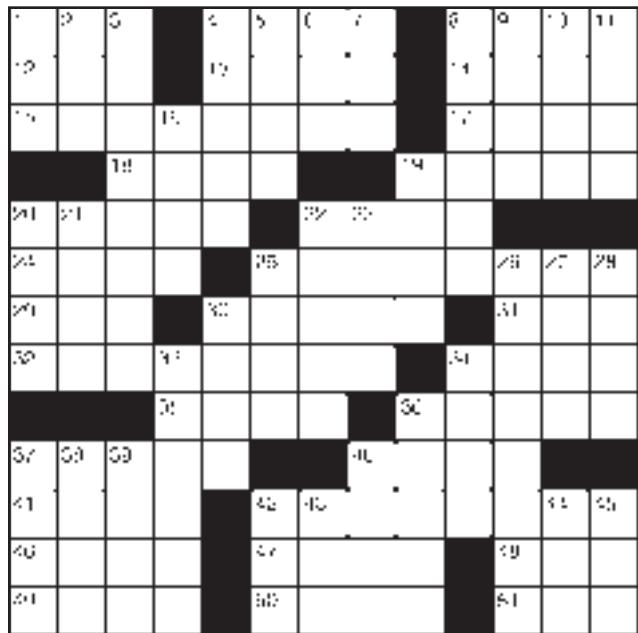
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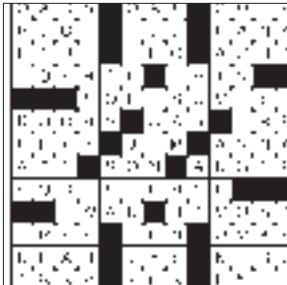
Crossword across

1 Hot tub 31 Fish eggs
4 Duel tool 32 Algonquian bigwig
8 Vatican VIP 34 Angle
12 Surprise cries 35 Actress Hayworth
13 Cager's tactic 36 Sanctify
14 Satan's specialty 37 "Ivanhoe" author
15 Be at odds 40 Gridlock sound
17 Collections 41 Protuberance
18 Addict 42 Maternity-ward
19 Haiku, for one announcement
20 Family-night activities 46 Bakery employee, at times
22 Castle protector 47 Archie Bunker's creator
24 Met melody 48 Born
25 "Full House" cast member 49 Flower
29 Corral 50 Fat
30 His work inspired "Cats" 51 Coll. transcript no.

Crossword down

1 Turf 25 Rorschach picture
2 — Beta Kappa 26 Hello
3 Pretentious 27 Quite a long time
4 A cube has twelve 28 Kennedy and Koppel
5 Kitten's call 30 Send forth
6 Away from WSW 33 Blood line?
7 Scratch (out) 34 Postings on one's Web site
8 Spain's euro forerunner 36 Plank
9 Finished 37 Use scissors
10 Seeds 38 Gabrielle Chanel
11 Differently 39 Idolaters' recitations
16 Cruising 40 Despot
19 Really big 42 Feeling poorly
20 Spaces 43 Afternoon social
21 Neighborhood 44 Agt.
22 Actress Kelly 45 Meadow

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Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



Force a modification with your no-nonsense suggestions. Be vigilant about an emotional issue. Take a good look at how to avoid financial havoc.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Time spent with a needy person leads to a loss of energy. An inferiority complex will come in handy. A furtive lover is to blame for a botched job.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Lovers will have touching moments. Wake up to the possibility of someone being wrong. Find the hidden value in a loser.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Watch out for any weird reactions. Analysis will cast doubt on a special advantage. An unexpected visitor can calm your ragged nerves.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Avoid an absurd confrontation. Someone will be impatient for an improvement. Focus on a man's lame excuse.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Be prepared to go where the action is. Melodramatic friends will cause mayhem with a budget. Second thoughts will create turmoil.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



It's all right to stop punishing yourself. Unappealing suggestions will concern chores. A stranger's tolerance will surprise and please you.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



An illness has unforeseen consequences. Challenging moves will be the best. Temper tantrums will stop vehicles and traffic.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



People will complain about a misunderstanding. You won't want to leave your comfort zone. Someone is trying to con you.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



A situation is better than it looks. Speak the truth even when you're overwhelmed by daydreams. A man will instigate career projects.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



A hunch should be taken seriously. Someone's complaint will go unheard. Analyze your reactions to an unprovoked insult.

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